

(Rupees in lakhs)

| Year | Earnings from platform tickets | Total passenger earnings | Percentage |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 2003-04 | 3849 | 1329833 | 0.29 |
| 2004-05 | 4167 | 1411254 | 0.30 |
| 2005-06 | 6239 | 1512600 | 0.41 |
| 2006-07 | 1246 | 421827 | 0.30 |

Selling railway tickets through petrol pumps

2705. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sell railway tickets from the petrol pumps;

(b) whether any memorandum of understanding has been signed between his Ministry and petroleum companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has approached Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited to sell railway tickets through internet (e-tickets) from their petrol pumps/retail stores. This proposal is at preliminary stage of discussion.

Bookstall policy

2706. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bookstall policy as laid down in Board's letter No. 2000/TGIII/464/18 Policy, dated 11th June, 2004 is being followed on in Indian Railways;